

# HOUSE BILL No. 1614

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-22.5-13-3.

**Synopsis:** Opioid prescriptions for pain management treatment. Requires the Indiana board of pharmacy or any licensing board, commission, or agency that controls, authorizes, or oversees controlled substance registrations to adopt rules to establish standards and protocols for practitioners who prescribe opioid controlled substances for pain management treatment. Provides that the rules may not be amended unless the proposed amendment has been approved by the medical licensing board. Makes a technical correction.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 22, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-13-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.185-2013,  
2       SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. **(a) As used in this section, "practitioner" has**  
4       **the meaning set forth in IC 35-48-1-24.**

5       **(b) Before November 1, 2015, the state Indiana board of pharmacy**  
6       **or any licensing board, commission, or agency that controls, authorizes,**  
7       **or oversees controlled substance registrations under IC 35-48-3 shall**  
8       **adopt emergency rules necessary to complement in the manner**  
9       **provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to establish standards and protocols**  
10       **for practitioners who prescribe opioid controlled substances for**  
11       **pain management treatment. The emergency rules must**  
12       **substantially conform to the requirements adopted by the medical**  
13       **licensing board under sections 1 and 2 of this chapter.**

14       **(c) Before November 1, 2016, the Indiana board of pharmacy or**  
15       **any licensing board, commission, or agency that has adopted**



1 emergency rules under subsection (b) shall adopt permanent rules  
2 under IC 4-22-2 to establish standards and protocols for  
3 practitioners who prescribe opioid controlled substances for pain  
4 management treatment. The rules must substantially conform to  
5 the requirements adopted by the medical licensing board under  
6 sections 1 and 2 of this chapter.

7 (d) An emergency rule adopted under subsection (b) remains in  
8 effect until the effective date of the permanent rules adopted under  
9 subsection (c).

10 (e) A rule adopted by the Indiana board of pharmacy or any  
11 licensing board, commission, or agency under subsection (c) may  
12 not be amended unless the proposed amendment to the rule has  
13 been approved by the medical licensing board.

